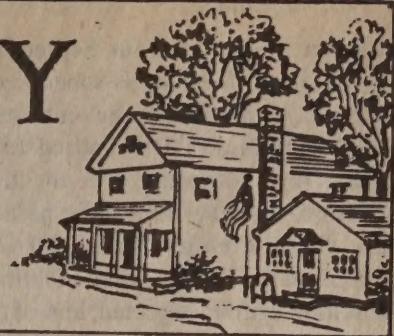


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TOWN NEWS

Monterey Prepares for Hazardous Waste Emergencies

Representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Civil Defense met with Monterey officials August 18 to collaborate on a report which must be filed by October 17 to prevent the Town's being liable in the event of an accident associated with hazardous waste spills. Selectman Matt Williams said it was a "good meeting" in that it laid to rest rumors of inordinate amounts of paperwork and emergency training necessary to complete the filing. Half a dozen Civil Defense chairmen across the state, including Monterey's Steve Hastedt, have resigned in protest of what they consider unfair demands made by the new ruling on the time of a volunteer public official. State officials came to town to sit down with Monterey Selectmen, public safety officers and firemen to work out the report and advise on procedure.

The main concern for a town like Monterey, which has no industries, is the evacuation of large groups of people at schools, summer camps and the like, in the event of a dangerous spill from a truck passing through. Procedures involve identifying locations of these institutions, deciding what bus companies to call for quick transportation, establishing a shelter for evacuees at least a mile away from the site of the spill, and getting written agreements from groups to be moved and owners of destinations they will be taken to. The group also discussed how to identify toxic wastes and which emergency teams to call who will back up Town first responders and public safety officials.

So far a new Civil Defense chairman has not been appointed.

Town Salt and Sand Pile Stabilized

In response to complaints that the Town salt and sand pile was eroding and creating salty runoff, the Town crew bulldozed trenches up grade of the pile to divert water from running through the pile. Next the selectmen will ask the state for a salt shed. It is believed that there is funding for such a building. Meanwhile, one of the garage stalls will be converted to contain the next load of salt.

Owners Must Keep Driveway Culverts Open

Landowners should be aware that the Town policy regarding plugged culverts in Town ditches is to call and/or write the owner of the culvert to notify him of the problem. If there is no response from the owner, the Town crew will unplug the culvert, which often means removing it from the ditch. Culvert owners, take warning.

Monterey Courting Cable TV

The State Cable TV Commission approached the Town of Monterey early this summer to suggest we file a "Form 100,"

that being an application for cable TV in town. Procedure required that the Town wait 60 days thereafter to hold a hearing to determine opinion on the matter from townspeople. That hearing was held in early August, and all were unanimous in favor of the idea. The next steps are to write to the Cable Commission, which will place ads in trade journals inviting bids on the contract. The deadline for bids for the contract in Monterey is set for November.

Meanwhile, the selectmen have the authority to form a Cable TV Advisory Council, which will investigate each company that sends a bid. So far there have been three volunteers for the Council: Mark Makuc, Jim Laffey, and Stefan Grotz. Others with a knowledge of cable TV technology are invited to volunteer. The whole process of acquiring cable TV usually takes over a year to complete.



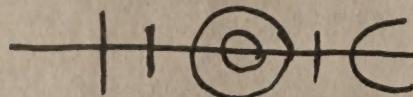
Special Town Meeting Set for September

A special Town Meeting is scheduled for the evening of September 23, primarily to vote on transfers of money out of free cash. Two thousand five hundred dollars will be requested to renovate the footbridge over the Konkapot behind the General Store, there are bills to be paid for police uniforms, and there will be a request for \$4,200 to help pay the cost of the new roof on the Kindergarten building. The roof cost more than the school district expected, and of the \$6,000 excess cost, Monterey offered to pay 60%. The old arrangement with the school district involved a 60%-40% division of costs, and the selectmen felt that since the building will revert in ownership to the Town if the school ever vacates it, it is a good investment to share some of the capital costs.

River Road May Be Closed to School Buses This Fall

A state engineer has been asked to evaluate the stability of River Road in Monterey to see whether it can carry large, heavy vehicles. The Konkapot River has been undermining the road in some places and water seepage from the hill above the road is collapsing the rip-rapped bank. The selectmen are concerned that, narrowed and weakened by various forces of nature, the road may be unsafe for large vehicles.

— Ellen K. Pearson



CHURCH NEWS

It's been a "spirit-filled" summer at the church. With many summer residents returning, our Sunday worship attendance has grown in size. A variety of worship formats has enabled us to experience and express new dimensions of our faith — Walter Wink's description of his South African journey and how our own church has played a part in the struggle against apartheid . . . a children's parade in worship to celebrate the baptism of Jessica Turkington . . . the creative talents of musicians and artists that highlighted my installation as pastor and the renewal of our church's ministry . . . the unveiling of a banner to grace the children's corner and a new bulletin cover design (both created by Carolyn Ball-Hanson) . . . the incorporation of pre-recorded music, video and liturgical dance into some of our worship experiences . . . the jazz group "Milestones" improvising a sermon on "God's Hum" . . . folksinger and guitarist Anson Olds sharing his music in worship and concert.

Yes, it has been a "spirit-filled" summer, and it promises to continue into autumn and winter. You are, of course, invited to come share the spirit!

— Cliff Aerie

P. S. Some additional news: a special "thank you" to Ray Ward for making possible the new paved walkway into the downstairs social room and a much-needed exterior safety railing . . . August 6 was commemorated by a simple sign outside the church that read "Remember Hiroshima" to provide an opportunity for each of us to reflect on the horror of war and the ideal of global peace . . . the parish council has approved the formation of a Capital Improvements Fund for the con-



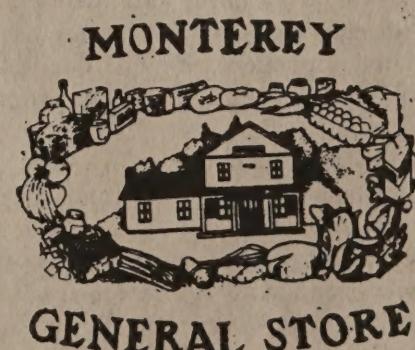
struction of a modern restroom facility (see Les Gile's article of last month) and the renovation of the church kitchen. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 in commitments by October 1 so excavation can begin before the ground freezes. Generous donations have already been received. If you would like to contribute please make your check payable to "Monterey Church — CIF#1" and send to P. O. Box 201. We're excited about making the church more accessible to the community.

Church Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 4 — Mrs. Arreta Smith, member of second Congregational Church in Pittsfield, will be the guest preacher at the Monterey Church.

Tuesday, September 6 — Prayer Breakfast meets at the home of Alice Howell and Walter Andersen: 7:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 15 — Friends of Silence meets at the home of Alice Howell and Walter Andersen: 7:30 a.m.



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THE NEW SPIRIT BOOKSTORE

Living in the Berkshires, one cannot but be aware of the changing seasons—of spring births and winter endings, of summer growth and fall harvests . . . and so it was with the New Spirit bookstore.

The old Monterey Package Store was purchased in late 1983, and nine months later the New Spirit was opened—September 8, 1984.

Donald Holmes and Nan Merrill, as partners, had a vision of a bookstore that would be warm, comfortable and community oriented, a space where individuals could come to meet, to talk, to just be silent, to listen to quiet music, to read awhile—and, hopefully, to purchase a book or two now and then. And so it was for many seasons.

Then, as several of the training groups in the area, who largely supported the store, expanded and moved out of Monterey or began to develop their own retail areas, the New Spirit's service to the community seemed to be needed less and less—until now, it has passed through its last season.

While this could be viewed as just another small business venture that failed, it seems to be more of a success story. The seeds sown at the New Spirit have spread into other communities, friendships were spawned and grew there, and lives were changed through the ministry of hospitality, listening, care and service offered by all who worked there, beyond the retail business.

One such person who found a home away from home at the New Spirit was Merry Berger from New Jersey. She will be the new owner of the property and, in due season, will give birth to a new vision there. And so it is with every ending—there is the promise of new life . . . yet, the New Spirit will not really end—for it will continue to live on in the hearts of many who passed through its doors.

WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

Bob and Jane Volckhausen

If we had a contest to see who was Monterey's longest-standing summer resident, Bob Volckhausen would be a contender. He and his wife Jane have been summering in Monterey since 1946, and he first came here in 1915. "A lot has changed in Monterey since then," they explained. "We're very impressed with the young people who've come to Monterey. They've got many interesting and new ideas. And we're proud of the strong stand the town has taken on conservation, and of the success of the work of the Land Trust."

I encouraged Bob and Jane to remember Monterey when they first arrived. When Bob was four, living in New York City, he had an almost fatal bout with diphtheria, causing his family to search for a "healthy place to get away to." They discovered Monterey and began renting summer cottages near Lake Garfield. Two years later he was christened with the waters of the Konkapot. When they arrived, what is now Route 23 was "a little dirt road, more like two big ruts." There were no automobiles. The center of town was almost the same—our general store, post office, and church were there. To get to the center of town, they'd row down across Lake Garfield, then walk through the fields. Hard as it is to imagine, Lake Garfield was comparatively undeveloped at the time. Big attractions were the Charlie Chaplin and Douglas Fairbanks movies which were shown in the old schoolhouse.

In 1929, "when the stock market was up," Bob's family purchased the cottage they now live in on Bidwell Road. Since then their "back house" (outhouse) has been replaced with indoor plumbing and their icehouse and "ice box" have given way to a refrigerator. Bob remembers axing huge blocks of ice which had been cut out of Lake Garfield in the winter and stored with sawdust in the icehouse. "Somehow," he said, "the ice always lasted through the summer." They still, however, do not have hot water, which doesn't seem to bother them one little bit.

Back to the present: Bob and Jane live the rest of the year in Hampton, Virginia. They're practicing Quakers. Bob, a retired mathematics teacher of 25 years, prepares the annual financial report of the Monterey Food Co-op (he also has had many years of experience working with co-ops) and is the editor of the *Peace Advocate*, a small publication advocating world peace through non-violent protest. Jane is active in the League of Women Voters and is also on the Hampton Juvenile Court Advisory Committee. When not swimming in Lake Garfield or attending various town meetings, the Volckhausens may be found walking Monterey's back roads or climbing nearby mountains.

What is the Volckhausens' dream for Monterey? "We want to see the beauty of the town, its lakes and its hills cherished and preserved. We want coming generations to know the unmatched loveliness of the Berkshire hills."

— Jim Laffey





SUSAN MCALLESTER

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

On July 30 we enjoyed the eleventh annual Monterey Steak Roast. Each year the men and women of the Monterey Fire Company and the auxiliary have devoted untold hours to make the roast a success and, more important, the occasion that brings together more of the human diversity that now makes up Monterey than any other event. Thank goodness there are also many other opportunities and groups and individuals that foster this rich sense of shared diversity; the town benefits from every one of them.

But the steak roast has seemed very special from its modest beginning in Greene Park. It has grown to its present robust size and new location through the energy and vision of the volunteers who are always concerned for the welfare of our property and our lives. On this occasion they go further—and further each year. This year in particular we enjoyed the new pavilion which was christened at the steak roast. It is an ideal place for the roast and similar events (though there may be a couple of neighbors who have some doubts on such nights). The Monterey Fire Company and especially its chief, Ray Tryon, deserve our thanks and our support. It would be very gratifying to see some explicit recognition of their efforts and achievements, specially this most recent addition, at the roast next year. In the meantime, thanks, Ray and the whole Monterey Fire Company, for all the jobs you have done so well and especially for the growth and the unifying of diversity represented in the fire house and the pavilion.

Well done, gentlemen!

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Ruth and Bob Gardiner

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Many, many thanks to all who helped make the Fire Company's eleventh annual steak roast a success. Thanks for buying tickets and gracing us with your presence in our new pavilion. Thanks also to all the volunteers who contributed their time to make the pavilion a success, and then helped with everything from selling tickets to picking up the last scrap of garbage. Now that everyone has seen the pavilion, we'll be waiting for ideas for other uses; just talk to someone in the company.

— Mark Makuc



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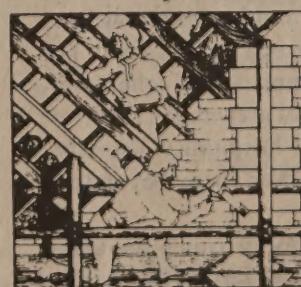
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SHEL FENN'S FARM ACCEPTED IN APR PROGRAM

Eyes were wet and hearts were full at an Agricultural Preservation and Restriction Committee meeting to review Shel Fenn's application to be accepted into the program. Acceptance, which will almost surely come at the Committee's final vote in October of this year, means a purchase of Shel's development rights for \$225,000 in return for a signed agreement that the land will remain in agricultural use "forever in perpetuity."

The application process, which has been going on since 1986, has been unique in several ways. First, the Committee, swamped with a backlog of 114 applications and short of money to preserve that many farms, made a new policy which requires the town in which the farm lies to put up a percentage of the total payment. The policy was meant to be a discouragement to the many applicants, but Monterey with the initiative of the Monterey Preservation Land Trust went right to work. In five weeks a drive by the Land Trust, headed by Joyce Scheffey, raised \$25,000. As George Wislocki of Berkshire Regional Planning put it, the effort "showed the best of human spirit all the way," both in the person of Shel Fenn, who agreed to accept only one quarter of the \$820,000 appraised value of the farm, and in the "old-fashioned way" the money was raised, not by a Town appropriation, but by contributions ranging from \$10 to over \$1,000 from townspeople who want to keep an operating farm in their midst.

A group of six, handpicked by Shel, attended the review meeting from Monterey. George Wislocki made the presentation to the Committee, which had requested there be only *one* spokesperson. Gige O'Connell got together a group of informational packets in Kelly green folders which were passed around to the Committee members. The folders mentioned the "Woodburn Farm Boys," a succession of young men who had worked for Shel and had come to think of themselves as part of the farm family. One Committee member asked for an explanation of this phenomenon, and Shel was invited to speak about it. George Wislocki later said he felt he was in the presence of someone who truly loved his land and wanted it preserved. He could see that the usually very skeptical committeemen were touched both by the efforts of a spirited community and by Shel's integrity.

Shel himself said in explanation of his decision, "I just figured that if I'm going to leave a legacy I'd rather leave a farm than a bunch of zeros with a dollar sign behind them." Monterey will be the fortunate beneficiary.

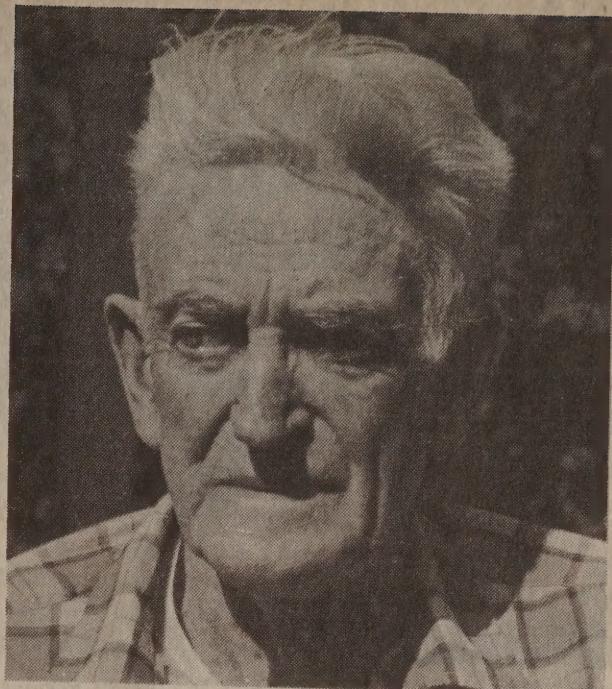
— Ellen K. Pearson

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Janet Thieriot at her graduation from Mt. Everett Regional High School on June fourth

JANET'S BETTER

Since the diagnosis of my daughter's illness as a malignant tumor in her abdomen our friends have responded with a wealth of sympathy. One of the more difficult things to do in life is to find ways to express gratitude. I often feel that I have been unable to express what I feel in words. Of course people help without any expectation of acknowledgement, but still I struggle.

All who have helped our family in our present difficulty have eased our pain, loneliness, and dilemma. People have signed posters, visited the hospital, dedicated bike rides, written letters, crayoned drawings, and expressed community support. We have to thank you en masse. You have been wonderful.

Janet is responding well to both your kindness and to medical treatment. She has begun chemotherapy and may be home by the end of August. We need your continuing backing. She would like gossip letters, and she enjoys visits: Janet Thieriot, Box 173, Monterey, MA 01245.

— Bob Thieriot

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MONTEREY LAND TRUST NEWS

Well, the Woodburn Farm delegation to the APR, as is elsewhere reported in the *Monterey News*, was a great success.

The donations thus far are \$15,018 and the pledges amount to \$9,100. We are committed to the 25,000, so it is now urged that those of you who have pledged (list below) should send in your donations to: MPLT, Box 195, Monterey, MA 01245. H&E Abrams, Berkshire Natural Resources Council, S&N Bingham-Orenstein, J&P Brown, Richard Dunlap, G&M Forbes, Michael Frazier, Alan Green, H&J Kessler, D&R Mielke, H. Ryals, P&K Schulze, R&S Schwartz, Ray & Leigh Tryon, Roger Tryon, L&L Weisman. If you can't remember what you have pledged call Joyce at 528-9124.

Our annual meeting will be held at Roger Tryon's house on New Marlborough Road. The date: Saturday, Sept. 3. The time: 11 a.m.

We will be electing and reelecting board officials, as well as updating the membership on recent acquisitions and plans for the future. We hope to see both friends and members there.

— Joyce Scheffey

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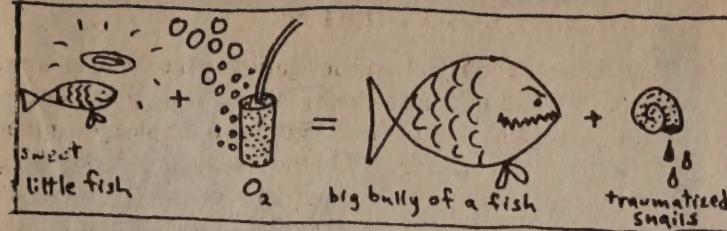
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LIMITING FACTORS

We started our first family aquarium about a year ago, full of lake muck, pond weeds, little invertebrates zipping about, and snails. After several weeks, for some reason I can't recall, we added a pet-store fish, a grey-green "natural color" goldfish.

The fish was a bore, compared with the caddisfly larvae, amphipods, assorted worms and mayfly nymphs. She hung motionless most of the time, and though she was beautiful in form, she didn't exhibit much in the way of behavior. Even the snails were livelier than the fish.

I began to notice other people's aquariums. There were no lake creatures and no pond weeds, only crystal clear water, gravel (sometimes turquoise and pink) and plants which were likely to be plastic. There would also be a bubbler humming away, a grubby looking filter box, and a bunch of very lively fish racing back and forth. These aquatic scenes were not precisely what I wanted for our livingroom, but I began to put two and two together about bubblers. I decided it was probably the bubblers (not the colored gravel or plastic plants) that were pepping up the fish, so I went out and bought one.

A bubbler in an aquarium with a lake muck substrate raises an aquatic dust storm, a total mud-out. So I traded in the lake muck, along with countless microscopic creatures, for some sparkling clean brook gravel. Then I installed the bubbler and the fish, as predicted, began to whizz about. Since I wanted some hum-less and whizz-less moments in the livingroom environment, I began a program of only plugging in the bubbler at night. I couldn't hear it from the bedroom.

Still the fish was quite active. She was also quite hungry. She suddenly became five times her original size. We bought fish food in the economy-sized containers, and she ate and ate. We began foraging for worms and bugs, all of which she gobbled down.

I noticed the snails were quiescent, holed up in their shells, and then I saw why. Every time one ventured to stick out a tentacle, even a little way, the hyped-up fish would zoom over and give it a nip, or a slurp. She ate worms like spaghetti, one quick slurp and it's gone. I can imagine this treatment of a delicate snail tentacle was painful, possibly offensive to the poor old peaceable snails.

Even our pointy, nippy crayfish began to suffer ignominies to his antennae and antennules and took to hiding in his cave more and more. Our fish, Christmas, had turned into a big bully. She raced back and forth, gulped air noisily, splashed water around, stood on her nose, sucked up gravel and small snails and then spat them out. She was not a restful presence. I don't even think she was happy. I think she, like the other fish in the clear, clean bubbly aquariums mentioned earlier, was speeding on oxygen, O₂, one of the ecologically "limiting factors" I learned about in college.

In water, O₂ comes from the air (at the surface) and from aquatic plants. Some water creatures need quite a bit of it to

survive and others, like snails, need very little. In stream water there is lot of O₂ because streams tend to be shallow and to have proportionately large surface areas which roil about. Stream creatures, generally, need a lot of O₂.

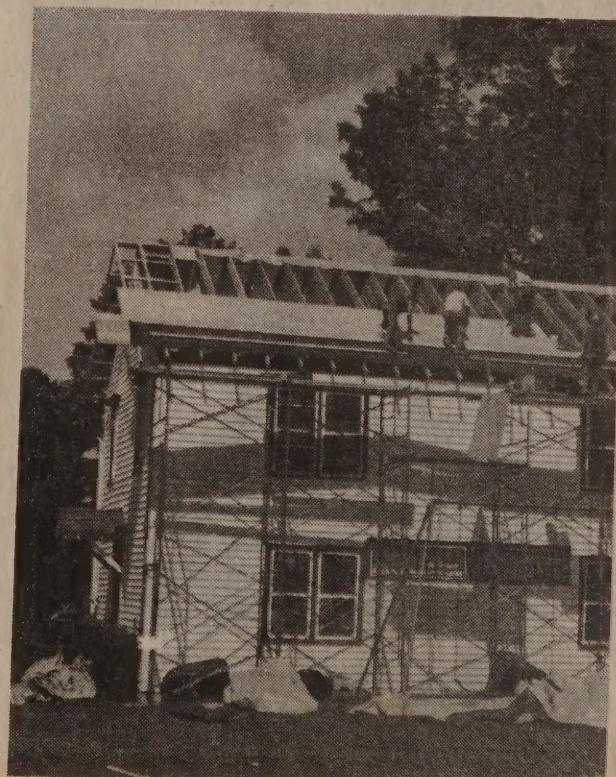
Lake muck creatures, especially those at the bottom of the lake, get along with little O₂. They are adapted to life in a lake-bottom compost heap where the "slow fires of decay" use up much of the O₂. The more productive the upper levels of the lake are, in terms of plant and animal life, the more old plant cells, dead fish, and feces fall to the bottom and consume oxygen.

This doesn't happen so much in an aquarium, especially one with a bubbler. The feces do fall to the bottom, but the harried aquarium-meister just hustles around changing the water more and more often so the overproduced, monster, grey-green goldfish does not poison herself and the snails and the crayfish with ammonia and other excretions.

Then, suddenly, the aquarium-meister sees the light. We did, earlier this week, and transferred our fish to a cool pond down the road. In the space of ten minutes we saw her transformed from a big bully to a little lost fish. I was touched to see that she couldn't even seem to keep a straight course in a long swim along the water's edge. She'd never gone more than 19 inches before without making a turn.

I'm sure she'll get the hang of it. Already the snails and crayfish are waving their feelers freely in our aquarium. It is certainly possible to get adjusted to life with a limiting factor, such as O₂-depletion, a neighborhood bully, or inadequate housing. Sometimes, the psychologists tell us, limits like these provide a kind of sicko security for a bewildered individual in this big bad world. I think this kind of psychology does not apply to such simpletons as our snails and crayfish.

— Bonner J. McAllester



New roof for the schoolhouse

YOUNG BIRD

this young bird in August wildly fluttering beyond the pane, returning the fool with its almost orange markings in the black

to squat on its delicate feet on the metal frame of the open mosquito screen, its ever so sleek head gyving adeptly for its ocular survey of this room then taking off near backwardly as I stare at it, still, over my typewriter, it's early, the gooseneck lamp still on the white page, seems to have an unfortunate predilection for the marginal aspects of its environment,

feeding to its experience gluttonly large gobs of the unnecessary, the luxuriant, the perfectly useless, the non-food-promising, going all out for education, beyond the boundaries of a utility

defined by foodless winter, but exceptionally pretty

in its brief witty intelligence, an avid intellectual.

He gave up my room as not worth going into. I had there the impression

of humor. An extra twist of the furious operations in the small perfectly round curved black disks of the person's eyes. Yet another glorious waste.

— Stefan Brecht



SEPTEMBER EVENING

Shadows on the grass

Confetti colors dropping

— Wild geese honk and fly.

Painted trees nearby

Frost has brought such radiance

— Wild geese dip and rest.

Antique house, my home

Winnowing thoughts of bygone years

— You look young again!

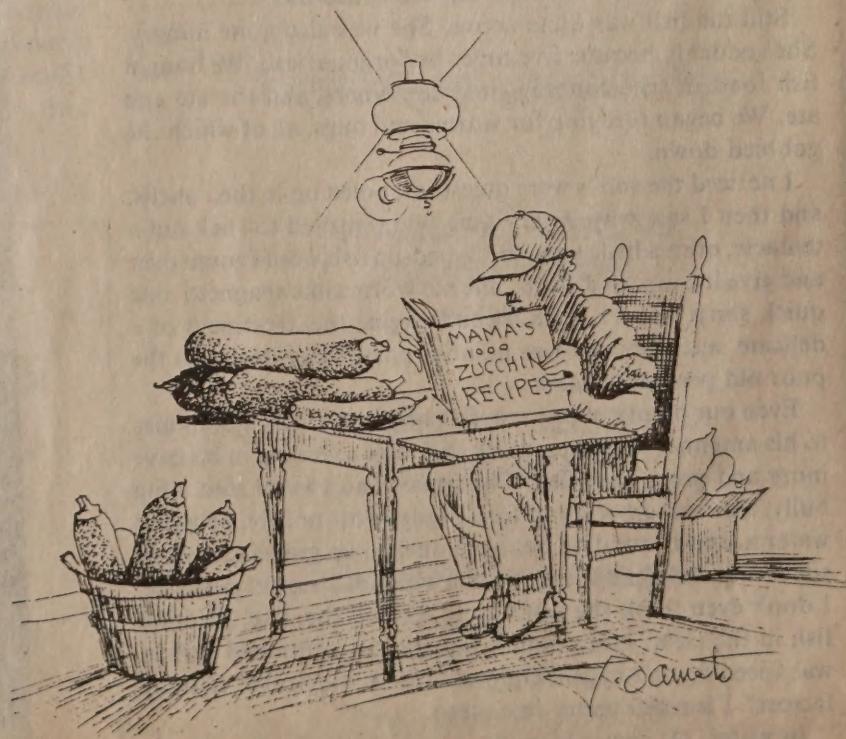
— Sue Moody



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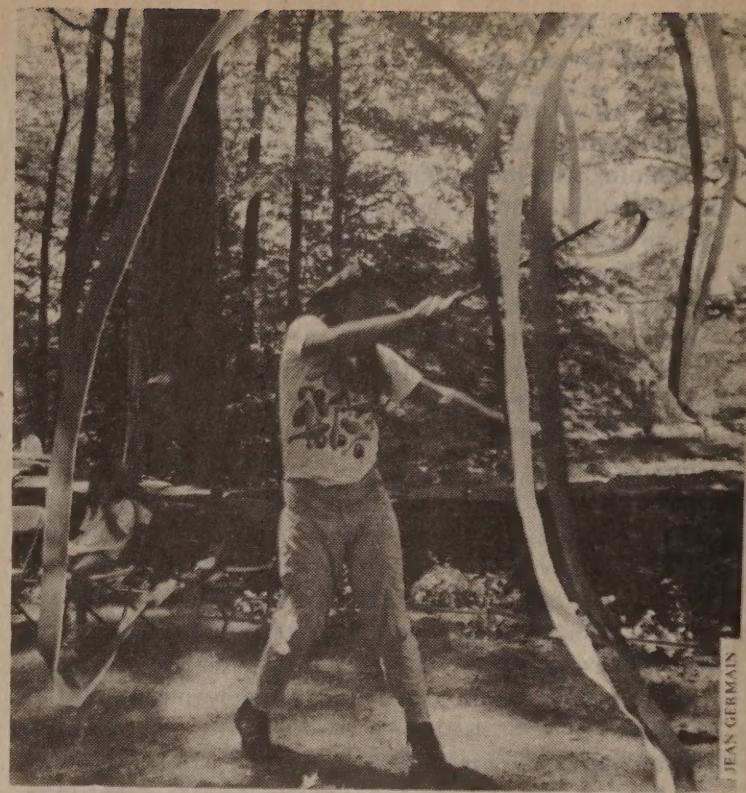
Night so dark
Sky so clear
Lake so calm
That the still surface
Casts sparkling jewels
Across my horizon
As the stars stoop
To kiss the waters of creation

— Cliff Aerie





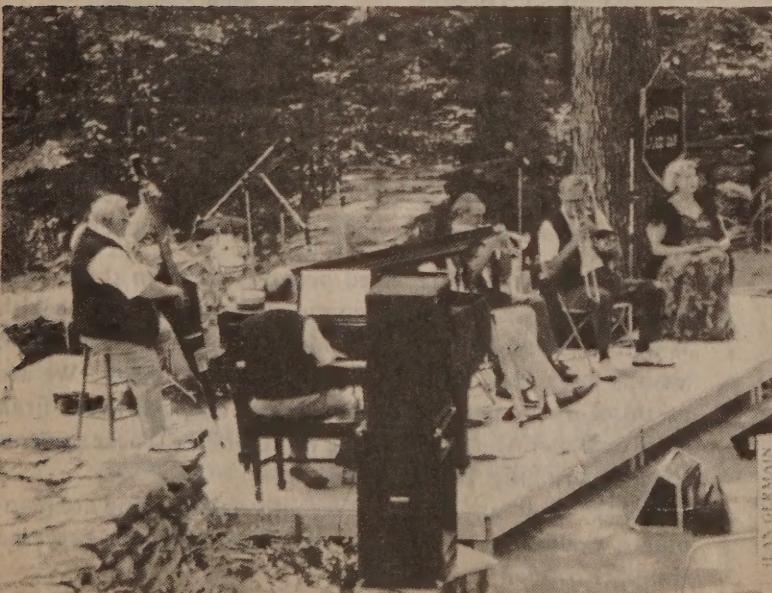
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THE SUMMER AT MONTEREY TOWN BEACH

by Todd Stevens and Kelly Clark

The official swimming season at Monterey Town Beach began on June 15 and will end very shortly. Because of the continuing record-breaking temperatures we all suffered through in July, as well as the residents' love for their lake, it was an extremely busy summer at the beach. As such, it was a tough one for the lifeguards! With such large numbers of people in the water, it was crucial that each lifeguard give undivided attention for several hours every day.

On the brighter side, working at the beach brought several rewarding experiences, including new friendships, many laughs and pleasurable relief from the heat of the summer. The Red Cross swimming lessons, held for Monterey residents during the first two weeks of August, benefitted 65 children and were an incredible success. The classes taught by Todd Stevens, "Jim" Colodny and Kelly Clark were broken down into the following categories: Basic Rescue and Water Safety, Swimmers, Intermediate, Advanced Beginner, and Beginner. There was even a class held for three- and four-year-olds, which was a challenge, yet just as productive and enjoyable as the other classes.

There are some problems concerning beach management and beach maintenance that need to be addressed in the future. Although the majority of beach-goers cooperated fully with the rules and regulations constituted for the beach, there were those summer residents who were not as cooperative. We are talking about those who consistently ignored beach passes, brought their dogs to the beach, attempted to use floating objects in the lake, littered, and used offensive language. These individuals made management of the swimming area a nightmare for the lifeguards. We do appreciate all of the people who did their best to foster a peaceful, quiet and safe environment at the beach.

A second problem is that of the Canada geese. Despite their beauty, they leave an enormous mess on the beach each day. Goose droppings presented a large problem in beach maintenance and were the source of several complaints this summer.

We would like to say good-bye and thank you to the "regulars" at Monterey Beach who kept us company and raised our spirits this summer: the Amidon family, the Sadlowski family, Cody Rosenthal, Linda and Kim Gero, Emily and Rebecca McTavish and Bob Gauthier.

— Todd and Kelly

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The summer just whizzed by! And the parks, the beach and the Park Commissioners were all kept very busy. Sunday softball, basketball and playground at Greene Park kept it constantly busy! The port-a-jons there have been an addition for the second year and worked out well for runners, bikers passing through, the running race, and park visitors. We also had two near the beach area for the first time in a secluded spot among the trees — your long-time request, finally answered. Parking in the field between Tyringham Road and Sylvan Road worked even better than anticipated. It relieved the Tyringham Road parking and was safer walking to the beach off the main road. Bob Gauthier put two orange cones at either end of the beach area in the road, which, plus two new SLOW signs, helped slow passing traffic. The wider sand area, expanded water area within the buoylines spread the crowds out and allowed better and safer usage of the beach. The large numbers of bathers will necessitate stricter regulations for another year. But with that the beach may suffice quite well for another year or so. Meanwhile we are pursuing the search for a larger area.

It was a wonderful summer! Todd was a great lifeguard — and ran one of the best Red Cross swim courses ever! Jim Colodny, a veteran instructor, was a hit, and Kelly, new W. S. I., proved her ability.

Only one case of vandalism — a truck leaving long and deep tire tracks and also hitting Tammy's lifeguard chair, leaving it in need of repair.

Thanks to Mark Makuc for responding to our ongoing need for small and large repairs, any time called upon.

Swimming Class Report

Those passing their courses were:

Basic Water Safety

Basic Rescue

Clayton Amidon

Adam Chaite

Geoffrey Chaite

Marta Makuc

Erin Sadlowski

Meghan Sadlowski

Dominick Stucker

Swimmers

Jackie Camp

Chris Duke

Nichole Schlegel

Jason Tammer

Intermediate

Wyatt Amidon

Sarah Schur

Daniel Strauss

Jared Thomson

Advanced Beginners

Ben Amidon

Bethany Sadlowski

Beginners

Melissa Andrus

Tom Carlisle

Morgan Clawson

Chris Stucker

Heidi Stucker

All who participated received progress cards to show what they learned. We can't stress enough how important to health as well as safety swimming is, and the value of continuing the lessons each year right through lifesaving classes. We are proud of our long standing of superior classes!! From Fran in '58 and later Maryellen — hard acts to follow. Those students are now bringing THEIR children.

NOTE: Todd and Kelly are recently engaged and are planning a wedding next summer. We wish them our best and congratulations!

— Dek, Tom and Fran

ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

The Monterey Arts Council is urgently in need of new members! Because state law mandates that council membership is limited to three consecutive two-year terms the three remaining charter members, and the officers of the council, Leonard Weber, Michael Marcus, and Frank D'Amato, will become ineligible for membership as of September, 1989. Now is a good opportunity for new members to come aboard, find out what we're about and get together with the remaining council members to give the organization new momentum and direction.

Also, the Arts Council is now accepting applications for the 1988 fall funding cycle. The application forms are available at the Town office; ask Maryellen Brown. They should be completed and returned to the Arts Council by September 19, 1988. Please type.

AND, The Monterey Arts Council wishes to thank all those who, with their time and physical efforts, financial and material contributions, their art, talent, and good will, made the 1988 Monterey Festival of the Arts the success that it was. Condolences to all who were not able to be there; you missed a really good time!

— Frank D'Amato



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What's the latest news on weed prevention?

From a recent conference of the Massachusetts Congress of Lake and Ponds Associations Dean Allen reported that the most effective way to prevent weed growth and help slow down the eutrophication process is to develop an active Lake Management Plan.

- 1) **Watershed Program:** Any restoration, preservation or maintenance program must include watershed management plans whose goals it would be to control and reduce incoming nutrients.
- 2) Building and road construction on steep slopes over 15% around the lake is the single most detrimental contributing factor to weed growth.
- 3) Check all septic systems for possible leaching into the lake.
- 4) Do not plant deciduous trees along the lakefront ... rake up all leaves before they enter the lake.
- 5) Stop fertilizing lawns.
- 6) Use only non-phosphorous detergents.
- 7) Control of the geese population. DO NOT feed the geese.
- 8) Continue the draw-down of the lake.

There have been discouraging reports from various lakes relating to harvesting. To date no method of in-lake management has been totally effective. The most effective way to keep our lake weed free is to strictly follow the above lake management program.

— Bud Pearl

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BEARTOWN STATE FOREST

The summer season is fast coming to a close as the first cool, clear days have broken the hold that the summer's heat had upon us. As the crowds have thinned I take my first long, relaxed look at this summer's happenings and once again direct some energy toward these writings. Thank you, David, for carrying the torch and to the many other folks who spoke their encouragement.

Visitation has been exceptionally high throughout the State's Forest and Park system, with the beaches in particular teeming with people trying to beat the heat. July's rains aided us considerably by maintaining the pond's cleansing flow over the spillway and down through the many dry beaver ponds to Monument Valley. The drought of June did appear to take its toll, however, on the wetlands wildlife. One observable contradiction to that, though, was the doubling of our resident geese population at Benedict Pond. There were two families raised this year instead of our usual one. The only people who have dreaded that trend were Beartown's two lifeguards, Christine Curtin and Kimberly Furlong. Ever diligent, they shooed the geese away from the beach lawn (to no avail), to avoid the inevitable daily task of scooping up goose droppings. I mention these two women to give public praise of their excellent performance for the second year in a row. They are the front line in safety for the public and I breathe easier knowing that they are on the job. Don't let their gentle looks fool you, folks: just try to throw that cigarette butt on the beach (to possibly burn someone's feet)—they will be there to set you straight, politely, of course.

Once again, the hiking season will be kicking into high gear. Although we get hikers year round at Beartown the fall seems to draw the majority of them. The cooler weather, dry trail conditions, and less biting insects certainly make for a more enjoyable experience. A reminder on utilizing the trail maps as well as keeping someone notified of your intended route and return time. Thus far we have been fortunate, with few mishaps occurring. One potentially serious accident this summer was partly averted due to aid of fellow hikers, who came upon an overnight hiker on the Appalachian Trail who had cut his leg. Those hikers, regulars of Beartown, determined that the individual was in no immediate danger before then locating a Ranger to assist him. A belated thank you to the Kesslers for their thoughtful assistance.

Reading David McAllester's article on his favorite view on the southern ledges of the Appalachian Trail prompts me to take you a little further and deeper on that trail journey. Shortly after reading that article I had the occasion to lead two hikers into one of the trail shelters on Mt. Wilcox. The Appalachian Mountain Club had just recently finished a minor relocation of the Appalachian Trail to now skirt the eastern shoulder of Wilcox. It was a good opportunity to see the finished product while helping the hikers to get settled before the rapidly approaching darkness set in. These two hikers were "through hikers," on their northward way to Katahdin from Georgia. What I found upon arriving at the shelter was of the world of the backcountry traveler.

There were already six hikers settling in for the night, five north-bounders and one south-bounder. They all spoke of the hiker they had met who was on his way back to Georgia, having started out there last spring. They went by their trail names: There was Wingfoot (I think he was the one making the round trip), Duffel Bag Pete (he didn't carry a backpack), and Bare-

foot Gene (yes, folks, he traveled barefoot), among others. There were both men and women, both young and old, both tired and sore. They were a lot like anyone else you meet, just taking a somewhat different path from most right now. I know that the thought of being part of that great Trail was one of the major things that lured me to Beartown. Perhaps I will take the opportunity someday to participate in their common adventure; it would be my loss if I did not. I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to hike a bit of the Appalachian Trail. Perhaps you will have the pleasure of meeting someone with a name like Strider who has a tale to tell of other places and times. You will know in an instant that he is a "through hiker." There is an indefatigable look about him, and he probably won't notice the biting insects as much as you do.

See you in the woods or thereabouts.

— Tom O'Brien

To our many new friends who encouraged us or helped with our house raising, thank you with all our hearts. We hope to have the pleasure of someday returning the favor. Our door is always open.

— The O'Brien family

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UPDATE ON NEWSPAPER RECYCLING (or why the shed has been full to overflowing)

The Sheffield Boy Scouts, on whom we rely to pick up our newspapers, ran into a number of snags. Due to the heaviness of the demand, the barn which they use for storage filled more rapidly than expected, which led to falling behind in their pickups. However, Wayne Burkhart, with the help of the Gould Farmers and the Gould Farm truck was able to relieve some of the pressure by unloading the newspaper shed, taking one load down to Sheffield and storing another load until such time as normal pickups can resume.

Jackson French, who is the Scout leader in Sheffield, and Lynn, his wife, are committed to the recycling of newspapers. They have assured us they will be able to resume their efforts shortly, by which time the Town truck will have taken one last load. We would like to thank the Frenches for their commitment and their hard work. We also are grateful to Gould Farm and the Town for their labor as well as providing means to truck the newspapers away.

Loose Papers Make Collection a Nightmare

If, for some reason, you are unable to tie your newspapers (much the preferred way for those who must handle them), they can be bagged. Large brown supermarket bags work well and are biodegradable. Plastic is a no-no for recycling!

A newspaper bin is in the post office for unwanted newspaper flyers. Our extra-cooperative postmaster, Walter Parks, has kindly agreed to cart them to the newspaper shed.

— Joyce Scheffey

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met July 20 for its annual Youth Night. Youth from neighboring towns conducted the meeting and furnished an enjoyable program; \$31.50 was raised for youth projects.

The grange will have an exhibit at the Barrington Fair.

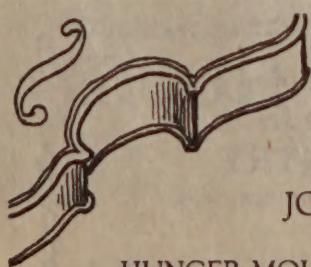
Present at the meeting were Marion Keeler, member of the State Grange Youth Committee; Special Deputy Alicia Brazie; and Deputy Peter Martin.

The Monterey Grange met again on August 17, when Great Barrington Grange #265 filled the chairs and conducted the meeting. There was an enjoyable program.

On August 27 the Grange had a food sale on the library awn.

The next meeting will be on September 7, when Special Deputy Alicia Brazie and suite will install the officers at an open meeting.

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PERSONAL NOTES

Hearty congratulations to Tim and Patricia Gazda on the birth of their first child, a girl, born August 6 in Wallingford, Connecticut. Little **Caroline Melissa** has already been to Monterey to visit proud grandparents **Paul and Caroline Carnese** of Lake Garfield.

Congratulations to **Matthew Sherb**, whose name has been inscribed on the Dean's Honor List for 1988 at New York University. Matthew is preparing to return this fall after spending the summer here with **Mike and Sharon Sherb Feltser**. Good job, Matt!

Welcome back to the **Grotz** girls, who have returned from two months in Europe. **Tasha** spent three weeks skiing in Austria, while sister **Michelle** basked on the Greek Islands. They met in mid-July and spent the next month together making great use of their Eurail passes and sharing some great experiences. Michelle is now preparing to return to Mt. Holyoke College, and Tasha is busy practicing soccer and getting ready for her junior year at Mt. Everett.

Happy Birthday Wishes to **David McAllester** on August 6, to **Michelle Grotz** on August 20, and to **Daniel Rosengart** on August 23.

Condolences to **David McAllester**, who took a header downstairs in the dark at the New England Friends' Yearly Meeting at Hampshire College, August 16. He extends his armfelt thanks to paramedics, ambulance drivers, and the doctors and staff of the Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, who put his broken wrist together again in the kindest way.

Alice O. Howell of Beartown Mountain Road has another book off the press: Quest Books will be releasing *The Dove in the Stone* in November. Already warmly praised in pre-publication reviews, it has been described as a "... deceptively simple, poetic jewel of a book. She brings us with her to the sacred Celtic isle of Iona . . . it teaches in the gentlest possible way the profoundest truth of all: 'The dove can only be released from the stone through love.'"

Congratulations to the **McAllester-Baker** households, who are enjoying an extended visit from six British friends (three generations) from Nottingham.

Lost, strayed, or eaten: Little Hen and Setting Hen, from Hunger Mountain Farm.

— Stephanie Grotz

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

How many bilingual people do we have in Monterey among our year-round and part-time residents? Enough to start a foreign language pool?

We often have visitors here from other countries, especially during the summer months, who would probably be delighted to get to know more about Monterey life in the language they're most comfortable in. And local people who speak another language fluently might welcome the chance to exercise it a bit, as well as to meet people from abroad.

If we do have a reservoir of bilingual people, I'd be glad to set up the "registry." People of all ages would be welcome because families visiting from abroad often include children.

Those interested could send me a postcard (P. O. Box 23, Monterey), noting your other language(s) and whether you are in Monterey year-round or part-time.

— Judith Mortenson

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DAY CAMP ANNOUNCEMENT

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles from Ed and Tillie Mann, Directors, Camp Half Moon

After 66 years as a resident-only camp for boys, the Directors are pleased to announce a coed Day Camp Program for 1989.

The summer of 1988 ushered in an experimental program at Camp Half Moon as five day campers participated along with the resident campers in a full camp program. The results have been absolutely perfect, with every one of the five day campers finding an immediate round of friends and the fun of a well rounded day of sports, arts, pioneering, swimming and boating. (Tutoring is also available.)

The plan for 1989 anticipates a balance of resident and non-resident campers similar to the policy of the many local private schools. Registration is now well underway for 1989 with a modest target of just 30 girls and 20 boys. The lower number of boys is to assure a balance since the resident campers are all boys.

The difference between the Half Moon program and a day care or sports program lies in the large, well-equipped campus, the wide variety of programs, a large staff of 25 specialized counselors, a tutoring program, full-service facilities and complete medical services.

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CALENDAR

Saturday, September 3—Monterey Preservation Land Trust Annual Meeting at Roger Tryon's house on New Marlborough Road. 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 10—Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults \$4, children \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Wednesday, September 14—Potluck Community Dinner in the Church Social Room at 6:30 p.m. The twelfth visit of students from the U. S. S. R. to Monterey. The group is studying at the State University of New York in Albany. Share your food, and they will share their accounts of living and studying in the Soviet Union.

Monday, September 19—Applications due for 1988 fall funding by the Monterey Arts Council. Mail to Monterey Arts Council, Box 100, Monterey, MA 01245.

Saturday, September 24—Square and Contra Dance at the Sheffield Grange. This evening's program is for people who have done it before. For other details see the notice for September 10.

Sunday, September 25—Gladys Carbo and Ed Flower will play romantic Latin American music, old and new, originals and classics, at 6 p.m. at the Boiler Room Café in Southfield. Light refreshments available. Admission \$5.

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TEN SOVIET STUDENTS TO VISIT MONTEREY (What do you know about "perestroika" and "glasnost"?)

College students from the Thorez Institute of Foreign Languages in Moscow will be at the community supper in the church basement on Wednesday evening, September 14. Eight men, two women, and a male faculty advisor are due to arrive at SUNY in Albany during the first week of September, where they will spend three months as exchange students in a program conducted each year jointly by the U. S. State Department and the Educational Ministry of the U. S. S. R. An equal number of SUNY students study in Moscow each year, usually at Moscow University.

The members of the group come from Moscow, Sverdlovsk, Sakhalinskaya, Nizny Tagil, and Vologda. This will be the twelfth such visit to Monterey. Over the years the visits have been initiated by Bernard and Mrs. Kleban with the help of Susan McAllester, Mary Ward, and a host of other townspeople who are responsible for the suppers. This time the students will arrive about 2:00 or 2:30 p.m. for a tour of several "industries" in Monterey, plus a talk with one or two Town officials about the Town government, the schools, the taxes, etc. At 6:30 p.m. they will be at the community supper in the church basement, and at 7:30 p.m. there will be a cross-discussion between the people of the town and the students. We will ask each student to explain briefly where he or she is from, what his or her ambitions are, and about life in the U. S. S. R. The discussion should be particularly interesting because of the advent of "perestroika" and "glasnost." Please bring a "covered dish" if you come at 6:30 (a bit more than usual, for the students). If you come at 7:30 for the discussion only, it is not necessary to bring any food. For further information, please write to Bernard Kleban, P. O. Box 141, Monterey, MA 01245, or call 528-4187 (keep trying if no answer).

— Bernard Kleban

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